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Dr Barbara Dixon
President
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Dear President Dixon:

I am writing to you, one of a select group of college presidents, to offer you a unique chance to involve some of your most outstanding students in The Washington Center's Presidential Inauguration seminar in January 2009.

The last of four Washington Center seminars related to the 2008 presidential election, **Campaign 2008: The Presidential Inauguration** is an opportunity for students to be in Washington during the inauguration and to study the presidency from an academic perspective under the direction of some of the nation's leading experts.

This ten-day program, which begins on Saturday, January 10 and continues through the Presidential Inauguration on January 20, 2009, consists of lectures, small group meetings, a bus tour of Washington, a program reception at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, a visit to Washington's latest new attraction, the Newseum, and a special Washington Center performance by political humorist Mark Russell at George Washington University. We will provide students with information so they can apply for tickets to the Presidential Inauguration ceremony and other public events.

We recommend that you select student leaders, such as student government officers, campus newspaper editors, potential Truman Scholar nominees, or other outstanding students. Upon their return, the students should be expected to write articles, speak to campus and community groups, and engage in other activities that would educate others about the presidency and their experience in Washington during this historic time. We strongly encourage the students to receive course credit from your institution, since they will have to complete a set of rigorous academic requirements during the program. Information regarding academic credit and programming for the seminar is detailed in the enclosed brochure.

We are asking that you nominate and support students for this special program. The cost is \$1,995. The application fee is waived for all nominations. For every ten students paid for from one institution, one full scholarship is awarded. We can also hire faculty from your institution to serve as faculty leaders and give them free housing if they are accompanying at least ten students. If a faculty member is interested in this, they may contact us at C2008@twc.edu.

If you are interested in nominating students, please fill out and return the **Intent to Nominate** form. If you nominate but cannot support students, you can ask students to pay all or part of the program costs, but we strongly encourage campus support. (Often, campuses partially support students through the tuition they pay the school for academic credit.) The deadline for the **Intent to Nominate form and deposit for the Presidential Inauguration program is October 31, 2008.**

We very much appreciate your consideration of this request. Should you have any questions about the program, please contact one of the convention program staff at C2008@twc.edu or (202)238-7936. Our seminar website and location of our on-line application is <http://www.campaign2008.info>. We look forward to having your institution represented at Campaign 2008: The Presidential Inauguration.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Smith
President

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Please complete this form to secure a reservation for the number of students you would like to nominate and support for participation in Campaign 2008 The Presidential Academic Seminar Series. To reserve your space(s), please return this form to The Washington Center by October 31, 2008. You have until December 1, 2008 to provide us with the names and contact information of the students you intend to nominate for The Presidential Inauguration seminar. If you have questions, please contact us at C2008@twc.edu.

Once you have chosen the specific student(s) you wish to nominate, please e-mail their names to us at c2008@twc.edu and then ask the students to apply online at www.campaign2008.info.

Nomination Form

Name of President or other authorized campus representative

Name of Institution

is pleased to make the following reservations for our students to participate in Campaign 2008: The Presidential Academic Seminar Series.

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